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1. The VEB Schiffselektrik, Rostock, manufactures electrical equipment for shipyards throughout East Germany. It employs more than 3000 persons. The firm has construction offices (Baustellen) at the following shipyards:
 

Neptun-Werft Rostock	Thaelmannwerft Brandenburg/Havel
Warnow-Werft Warnemuende	Staatswerft Rostensee Wardeburg/Rothensee
Mathias-Thesen-Werft Wismar	Yachtwerft Berlin Koepenick
Volkswerft Stralsund	Fischkombinat Rostock, Reparaturen von
	Loggern u. Kuttern
Elbwerft Boizenburg Elbe	Peenewerft Wolgast
Schiffswerft Rossau/Elbe	Werft Fuerstenberg/Oder
2. The chief officials of the firm are as follows:
 

Plant Director	Walter Knoll (SED); about 36 years old; member of the SED Central Committee; convinced Party member.
Work Director	Rudolf Weiss (SED); born 23 February 1915; resides in Rostock, Weberstrasse 16; convinced Party member.
Sales Director	Rudolf Rockmann (SED); about 46 years old; more interested in money than the Party; resides in Rostock, Strasse des Nationalen Aufbaus.
Technical Director	Heinz Menzer (SED); about 31 years old; more interested in money than the Party.
BGL (Worker's Group) Representative	Heinz Frohnert (SED); about 35 years old; more interested in money than the Party.
BGL Secretary	Erich Heuer (SED); about 33 years old; convinced Party member.
Cadre Director	Flog (fnu); about 54 years old; political affiliation not given.
3. The following persons are believed to be employed by the Security Police (Staatssicherheitsdienst) in the firm:

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Wolfgang Stuedemann About 27 years old; convinced SED member; in 1951-1952 he observed the plant.

Riedel or Redel (fnu) About 27 years old; convinced SED member; in 1954 he observed the plant; subsequently he had a more responsible position in Stadtbezirk III Rostock, with more firms to observe.

Westphal (fnu) About 35 years old; married; convinced SED member; he is the observer in 1955.

The following are SSD informants:

Kaete Woltemath Born in May 1920; nee Ebeling; divorced from Krogmann (fnu), an architect; resides in Rostock, Im Gartern 8; convinced SED member; she is a Kreis secretary in the Kreisauusschuss National Front; her office is in Rostock, Wiener Platz 13.

Hermann Storch About 42 years old; SED; barber by trade, but currently as an administrative officer (Sachbearbeiter) in the Labor Department; resides in Rostock, Karl-Marx-Strasse 58.

Erich Horn About 59 years old; a convinced SED member and a very old KPD official; locksmith by trade, but currently head of the plant guard at the Schiffselektrik plant; resides in Rostock, Waldemarstrasse 56 or 58.

4. Photostatic copies of the following documents, concerning work norms and norm fulfillment of VEB Schiffselektrik Rostock, are available at the CIA Library:

- a. Number of employees scheduled for work during March 1955 and the actual number working (1 page)
- b. Memorandum from VEB Schiffselektrik Rostock to the Kreis Direction III Rostock, concerning plan fulfillment for the first quarter of 1955 (2 pages)
- c. A projected plan for winding up the transfer of the enterprise to the shipyards; according to this plan, the production and construction departments are to be subdivided into large construction, small construction, and miscellaneous, and were to be distributed during May and June 1955 among the various shipyards, as follows:

Large Construction Offices:

- Neptunwerft
- Warnemuende
- Wismar
- Stralsund I (Volkswerft)
- Stralsund II (Ship's Repair)
- Boizenburg
- Wolgast

Small Construction Offices:

- Fuerstenberg
- Oderberg
- Koepenick
- Brandenburg
- Rosslau
- Rothensee
- Rostock-Bramow (Fischkombinat Rostock)

Miscellaneous Production Sections:

- Uebigau
- Schalttafelwerkstatt (switchboards)
- Gravierwerkstatt (engraving)

The construction bureaus will also be subdivided; the construction groups which are already located in shipyards will be transferred to production departments; the remainder will be transferred to the Central Construction Bureaus at Wolgast, Koepenick, and the EAW "J.W. Stalin" Berlin-Treptow, in June and early July 1955. Personnel will be transferred with their departments. (9 pages)

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